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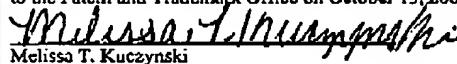
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Also enclosed is a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report from a corresponding European patent application bearing a mailing date of December 17, 2004, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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